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Arrest at Logan for child porn on plane

A freaked-out first class passenger on a Delta Air Lines flight to Boston helped nab a man allegedly watching child pornography from his seat.

Grant Smith, 47, of Utah, was arrested after the plane landed Saturday evening at Logan Airport, state police said.

Smith was seated in a first class window seat on the flight from Salt Lake City to Boston when he fired up his laptop mid-flight just before 3 p.m.

"A passenger made observations of Smith's computer screen and alerted the flight crew," state police said in a statement.

When the flight landed just after 4 p.m., troopers were waiting for Smith and interviewed him.

After the interview he was arrested and charged with possession of child pornography. More charges could be filed, police said.

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Smith is being held on bail and will face a judge during his arraignment today.

Meet the newest MBTA watchdogs

Bloggers interacting with T to urge improvements ● GM hears rider concerns through social media ● In some cases, changes are happening

Complaining about the T has become a favorite pastime for riders as they pass each stop observing their surroundings while tweeting or blogging about it.

But a handful of riders have used online interactions with MBTA officials as an opportunity to try and improve the experience.

In February, Laurie, who didn't want to use her last name, started the Twitter account "RideLikeCharlie."

Her "rants about the MBTA" quickly turned into useful info about what's happening on various lines.

With a legion of followers, she jabs at the transit general manager when she sees an issue on the system.

"I've always been interested in urban development and environmental planning," she said. "I think the T has gotten better over the past year with their use of Twitter. They are always responsive to problems."

Dan Lampariello took an interest in T activities and began blogging and tweeting regularly to get train information out there.

The 20-year-old Suffolk student, who uses "Boston_to_a_T" to communicate with the MBTA, recently urged officials to be more transparent.

They listened.

"[Dan's] suggestion got us thinking about how we could use 'Flickr' to show our customers pictures of the work we do every day," interim GM Jon Davis said.

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▶ Laurie, who didn't want her last name used, and Dan Lampariello use social media as a means to urge MBTA officials to improve facilities and operations.

T watchers on Twitter

@D—MoveBoston: Can't get up for a pregnant woman? Fare evader? You just might find yourself here! See a d—? Share a d—: D—MoveBOS at Gmail.com

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▶ Patrick

Patrick off to Chile

BOSTON. Gov. Deval Patrick departs for Chile on Thursday for a nine-day trade mission that will also take him to Brazil. Patrick plans to meet with the Chilean president during the trip, which is meant to boost the state's economic prospects. It will be his third overseas trip since taking office in 2007, and the second this year after going to both Great Britain and Israel in March. SHNS

Charged with assault on firefighter

BOSTON. A Boston man will face a judge today after he allegedly assaulted a firefighter responding to a water leak in the Fenway.

When firefighters responded to Huntington Avenue about 10:30 p.m. Saturday, they noticed a nearby disturbance and when they went to investigate one of them was punched in the face, police said.

Eric French, 47, was charged with assault and battery. METRO

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Number of responses the T received in just three days after announcing they would be conducting in-house tours of several facilities, open to the public. Already, the first round of tours is over capacity.

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Occupiers discuss uprooting

Conversations have begun surfacing among Occupy Boston campers about the hypothetical abandonment of Dewey Square before police can force protesters out.

According to a thread discussion started on Occupy Boston's "Reddit" site, one camper said "this fight shouldn't be about Dewey Square" but should focus on the needs of "the 99%."

In the post, the author wrote that the encampment is "a huge resource sink" and a "menacing place, particularly late at night, and a source of recurring problems related to substance abuse."

The post suggested uprooting Dewey-ville and doing random campouts in other spots to protest.

In a live-chat between campers yesterday that attracted more than two dozen people to the discussion on the topic, one commenter said "camp has marginalized itself through drugs, filth, and losing the ideals of the movement."

In court

Campers have a court date Dec. 1 to discuss the Tent City occupation and how long it will last.

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Restaurant. Dog gone

▶ Lilia McKenna, 9 months, of Brighton enjoys one last visit to Sullivan's at Castle Island in South Boston yesterday on the last day of landmark's 60th season.

Sullivan's closes for now

All good — and delicious — things must come to an end. That's why Sullivan's at Castle Island has closed for the season. Patrons made the trip yesterday for one last treat of the stand's 2011 season and gobbled up the remaining hot dogs and french fries. The stand will open again in February. METRO

Red Line closures hurt local sales, officials say

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SOMERVILLE. Officials want to meet with the MBTA to discuss discounted advertising options to try and boost sales at local stores claiming weekend Red Line closures near Davis Square have caused a decline in foot traffic during the holiday shopping season.

According to a Boston Herald report, Aldermen passed a resolution to get T officials and Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone together to chat about the deal.

T spokesman Joe Pesaturo said if and when they receive a letter, the T will review it and then respond to it. METRO

Survey: Cambridge is brainy

CAMBRIDGE. Boston didn't make a recent list of the country's smartest cities, but its neighboring community of Cambridge did.

According to the Boston Business Journal, "On Numbers" did an educational analysis and survey in nearly 300 communities in the U.S. that have roughly 100,000 residents.

Cambridge came in second place, just under Ann Arbor, Mich., for the brainiest places to be in the nation, according to the results. METRO

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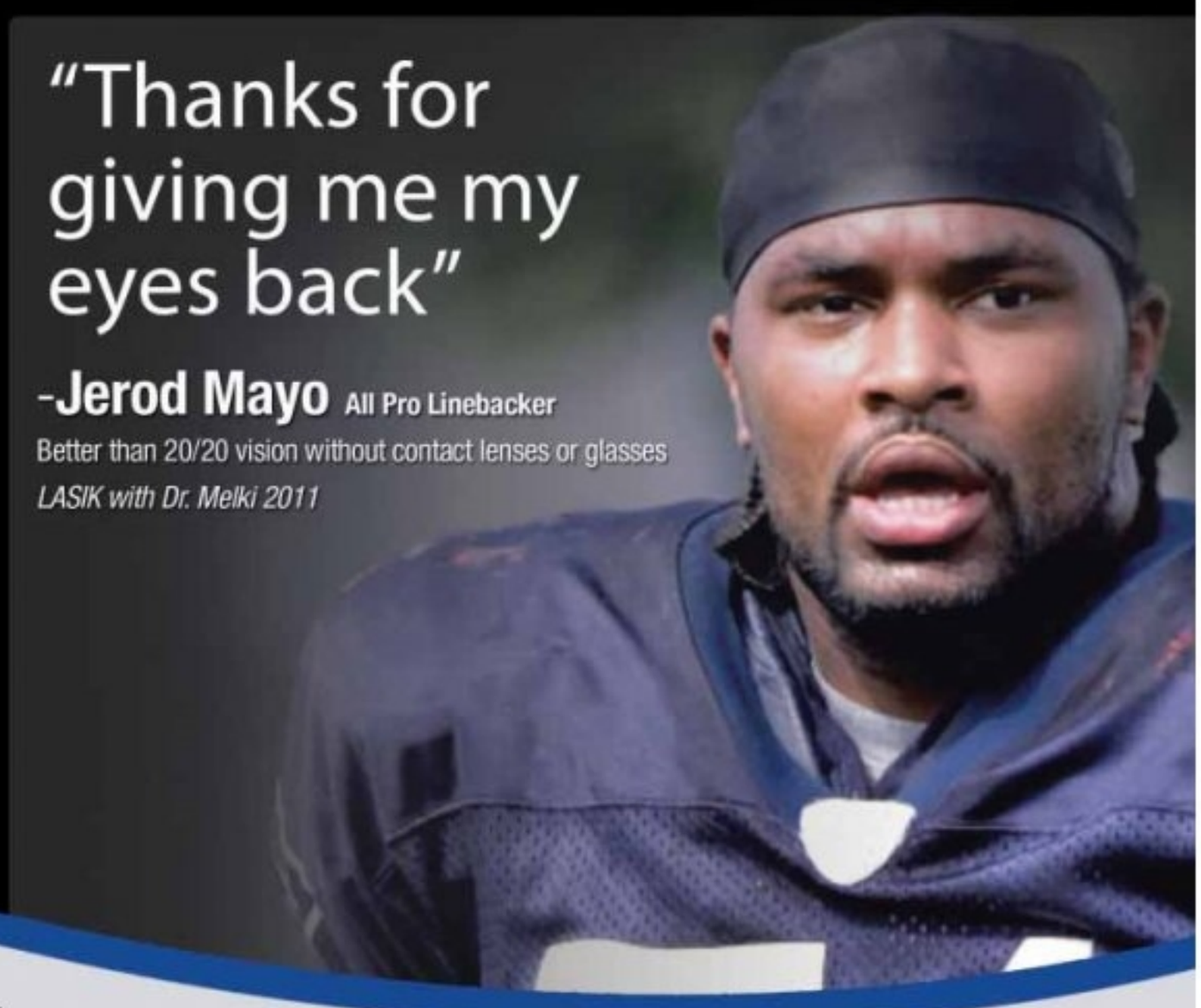

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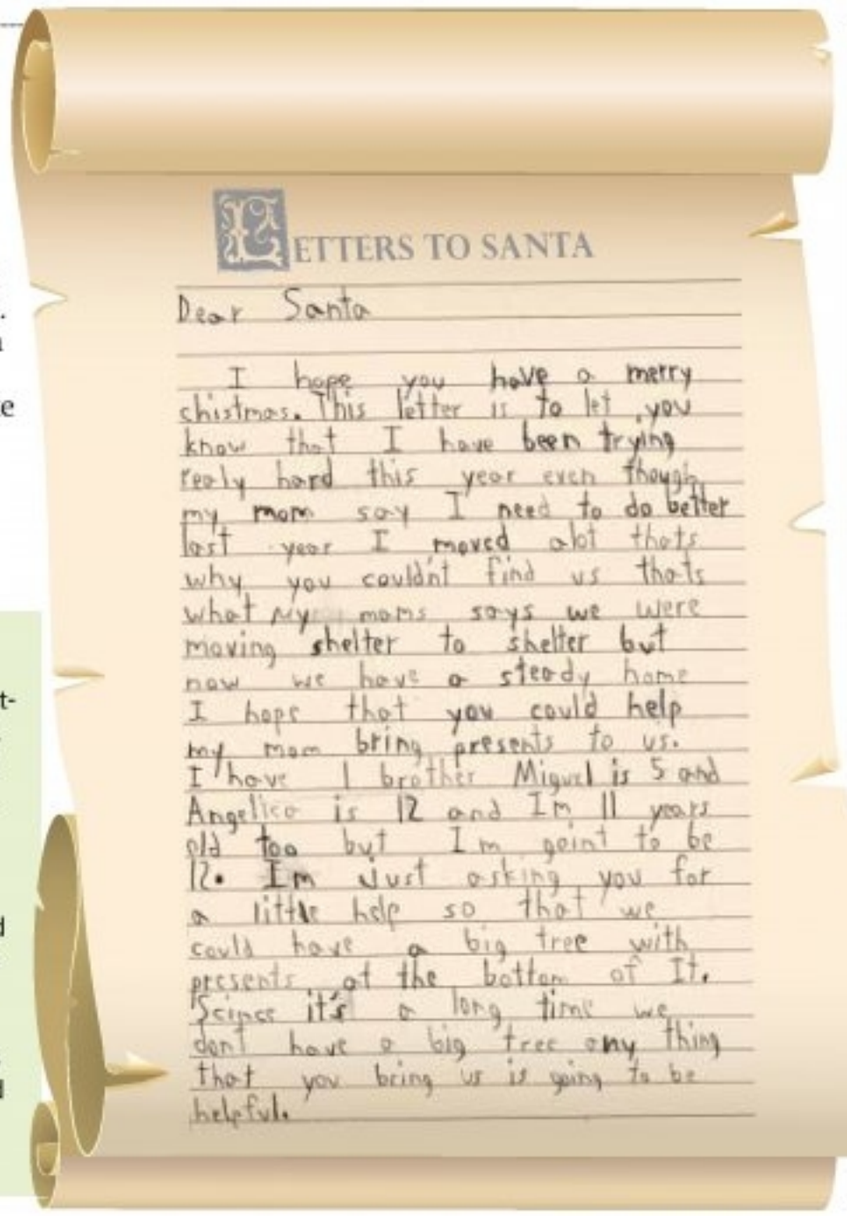
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DiMasi to go to prison this week

Sal DiMasi, the former No. 1 in the state's House chamber, will report this week to a federal prison in Kentucky as inmate No. 27371-038.

DiMasi, 66, who served as House speaker for five years, is scheduled to report Wednesday to FMC Lexington to begin serving his jail sentence for corruption.

The Kentucky prison is an administrative facility and medical center for male inmates. As of last week there were 1,893 inmates at the facility.

DiMasi's lawyers requested he be held at an in-state facility because of care he requires for a heart condition. That request was denied.

▶ DiMasi

A jury convicted DiMasi in June of awarding state contracts to a software company for which he received about $65,000 in kickbacks. He was sentenced to eight years in prison.

His co-defendant and lobbyist, Richard McDonough, was sentenced to seven years in jail.

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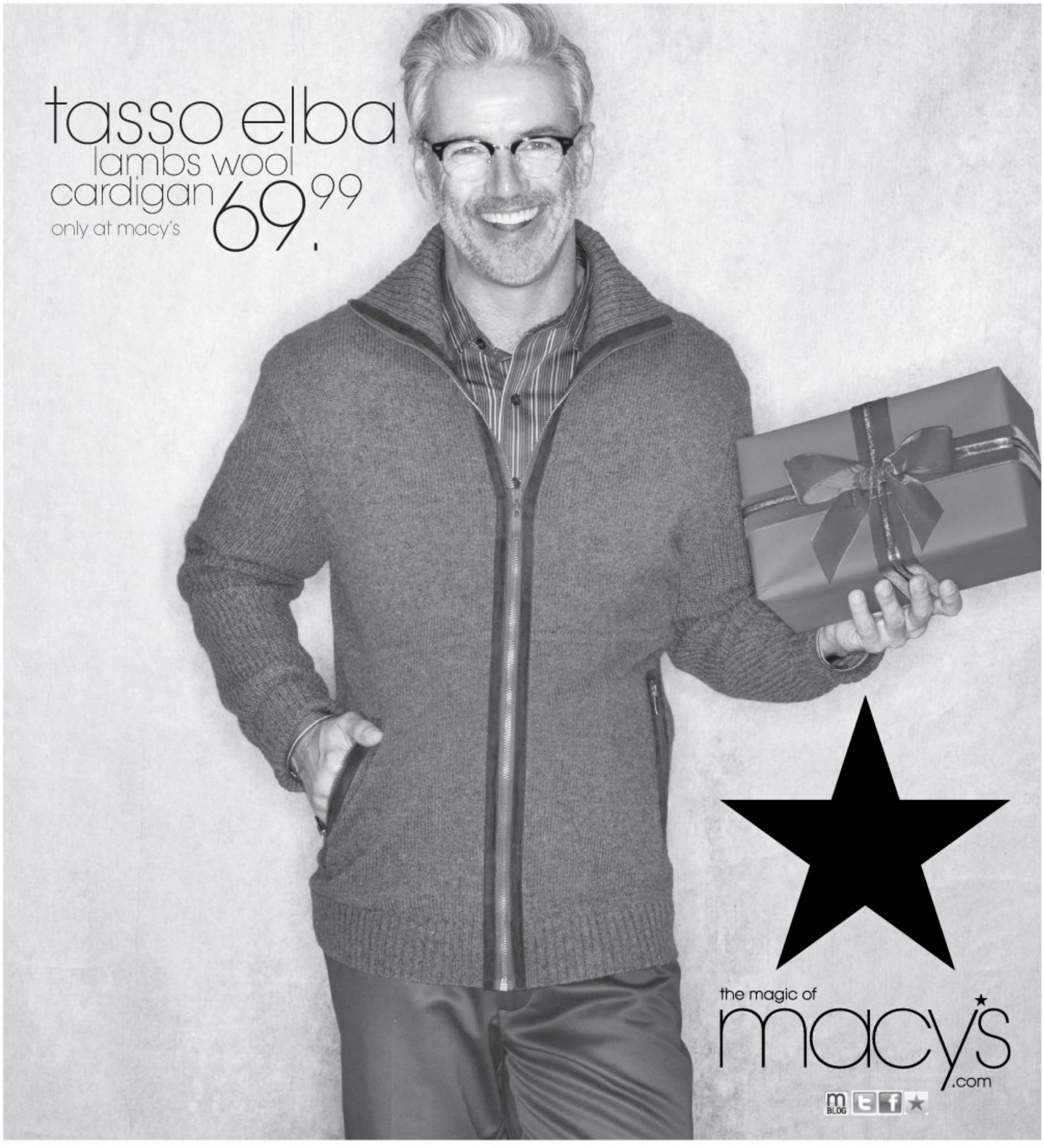

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▶ William

At sea, a royal rescue

LONDON. One man has been found dead and five are missing after a Russian-crewed cargo ship sank in gale force weather overnight in the Irish Sea, Britain's coast guard agency said yesterday, following a rescue mission co-piloted by Prince William, son of heir-to-the throne Prince Charles. William is serving as a Royal Air Force search and rescue helicopter pilot at a base on the Welsh coast. **REUTERS**

US shoppers enthusiastic for gift deals

More people headed to stores and websites during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, and average spending per person rose 9.1 percent as bargain-hunting shoppers scooped up discounts on everything from gadgets to hoodies, a National Retail Federation survey yesterday showed.

The trade group's survey found that a record 226 million shoppers visited stores and websites over "Black Friday" weekend, up from 212 million last year.

It defines the Black Friday weekend as Thursday, Friday, Saturday and projected spending for Sunday.

According to its survey, the destination of choice appeared to be department stores, with nearly half of holiday shoppers visiting at least one.

About 38 percent of shoppers said they went to discount retailers. **REUTERS**

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Total spending reached an estimated $52.4 billion versus $45 billion in the year-ago period.

$398.62
The average spending for the weekend rose to $398.62 per person from $365.34 a year ago.

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▶ People crowd the Macy's aisles after the midnight opening to begin the Black Friday shopping weekend this past Friday.

metro MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2011

Jennifer Lopez received a rash of nominations this weekend as Metro's Woman of the Year, as did Kate Middleton. But the nomination we enjoyed most came from Nelson Jimenez, of Stamford, Conn., who nominated Kim Kardashian "for pulling the wool over her fans' eyes with multiple TV shows, product endorsements and a FAKE marriage — all for publicity and high ratings."

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Pakistan enraged over NATO attack

- Differing reports on cause of the deadly incident
- Could undermine efforts to improve US-Pakistan ties

Fury spread in Pakistan yesterday regarding a NATO cross-border air attack that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers and could undermine the U.S. effort to wind up the war in Afghanistan.

Last night in Pakistan, more than 40 hours after the incident, many questions remained.

NATO described the killings as a "tragic unintended incident" and said an investigation was under way. A Western official and an Afghan security official who requested anonymity said NATO troops were responding to fire from across the border.

It's possible both explanations are correct: that a retaliatory attack by NATO troops took a tragic, mistaken turn in harsh terrain where identifying friend and foe can be difficult.

Militants often attack from Pakistani soil or flee after combat across a porous border that NATO-led troops, under their United Nations mandate, cannot cross.

What is clear is the incident could undermine U.S. efforts to improve ties with Pakistan so that the regional power helps stabilize Afghanistan before NATO combat troops go home by the end of 2014. REUTERS

NATO protest

Thousands gathered outside the American consulate in the city of Karachi yesterday to protest the attack. A Reuters reporter at the scene said the angry crowd shouted "Down with America."

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Protest. Time's up

▶ Men remain camped out in front of a graffiti-strewn wall at the Occupy LA site.

Occupy LA faces eviction deadline

Hundreds of anti-Wall Street protesters who have camped outside Los Angeles City Hall for weeks faced a midnight eviction deadline with plans to throw a party they hoped might forestall a raid. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said on Friday that the Occupy LA protesters would be given until 12:01 a.m. today to dismantle their tents, pack up their belongings and clear out — or face forcible removal. REUTERS

Influential newspaper backs Newt

WASHINGTON. New Hampshire's largest newspaper endorsed Newt Gingrich in the Republican presidential race yesterday, giving the former House speaker a boost in a state where Mitt Romney has been expected to excel.

The endorsement validates Gingrich's recent rise as a candidate — months after many political pundits thought his campaign was as good as over following a series of missteps — and is a blow to Romney's aspirations. REUTERS

GOP to rework budget cuts

WASHINGTON. Republicans will try to spare defense programs by reconfiguring the $1.2 trillion in spending cuts that are to be triggered in 2013 by the collapse of a congressional deficit-cutting committee, a GOP senator said yesterday. REUTERS

10 Tips to avoid scams on Cyber Monday

Vice president of Check Point's Consumer Business ZoneAlarm, Bari Abdul, breaks down the easiest ways you can avoid fraudulent online offers and hoaxes

It seems that the holiday shopping season comes earlier and earlier each year. Luckily, in the digital age, you can ditch the long lines of Black Friday and join the Cyber Monday crew by doing all your shopping online. However, cybercriminals exploit the holiday season and target Internet users through a variety of methods, including online shopping scams, fraudulent e-mails, e-card and phishing schemes and more. Follow these 10 tips to protect yourself while shopping online.

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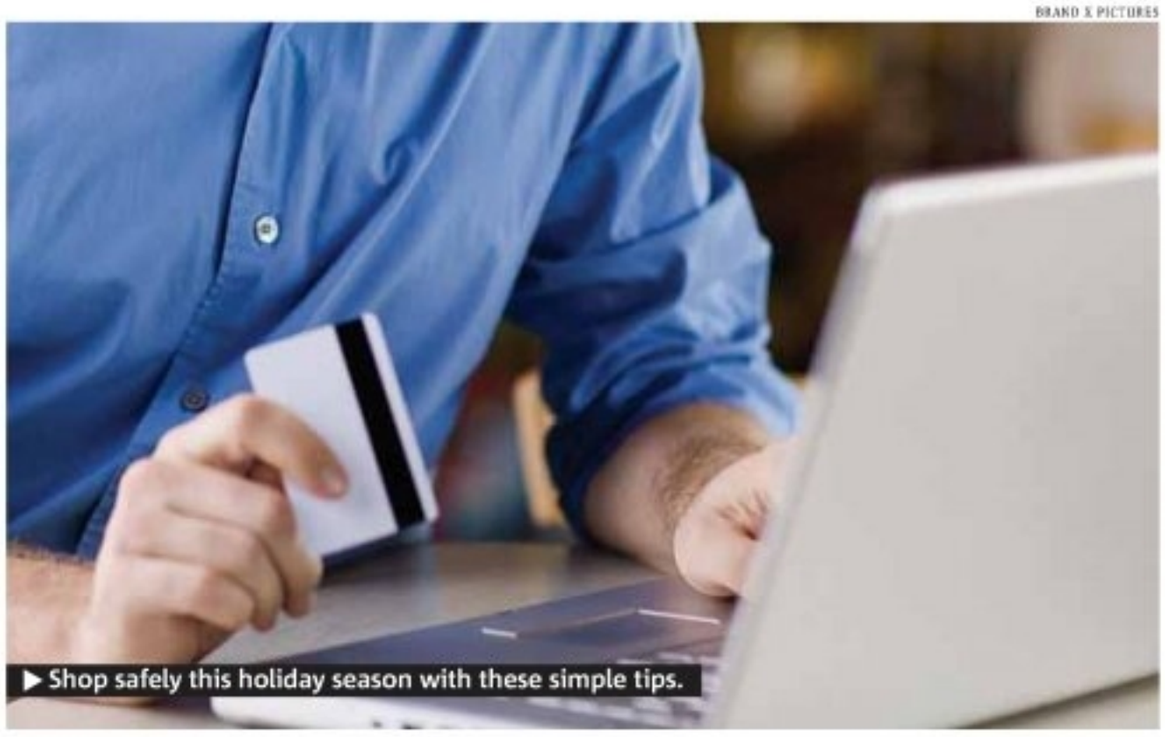

▶ Shop safely this holiday season with these simple tips.

1 Install, update and activate your security software
At a minimum, use a firewall and antivirus software to protect you from malware that gives cybercriminals easy entrance into your computer and accounts. There are many free options. If you only use antivirus, be sure to add a two-way firewall to block hackers from entering your computer and using it to send out attacks and spam.

2 Use strong, unique passwords
Always create strong passwords for all online accounts and include letters, numbers and symbols. Longer passwords are more secure and harder to crack. Hackers employ special password-cracking software to guess their way into your accounts. Avoid using the same password for every account — it makes it easier for hackers.

3 Only connect to legitimate Wi-Fi networks
Before you connect to a network and start shopping online, verify that the Wi-Fi network name (SSID) you are connecting to is from a legitimate service.

4 Make sure it's the real site
Scammers often target users through phishing on e-mail and social media. These messages include a link or pop-up that encourages you to click on it for "special deals" or to verify information from a seller or courier, such as FedEx and UPS. The site may look similar to a real site, such as Amazon, but is actually a trap meant to steal your login or financial information.

5 Only shop from secure sites
When paying online, verify that you are on an SSL secured site — the Web address will start with https:// and have a little padlock icon next to it. Websites that are SSL-secured will encrypt sensitive information such as credit card numbers during the transaction. You can also click on the padlock icon to verify the identity of the certificate owner.

6 Look for third-party seals of approval
If you see a Better Business Bureau or TRUSTe symbol, it means the site must adhere to certain standards regarding business practices and personal information.

7 Beware of deals that are too good to be true
The holiday season means some goods and gift cards are hot properties on the market, and cybercriminals will exploit consumers trying to get their hands on them. Stick to legitimate retailers and avoid these types of gimmicks.

8 Use a dummy e-mail account
Many sites require accounts/e-mail logins to use. If you set up an additional e-mail account to be used only for marketing, newsletters or online shopping, your personal correspondence and information won't be at risk (and you won't get as much unwanted spam).

9 Use a credit card
Shopping with a debit card online puts your checking and savings account at risk if the information is stolen. Credit cards offer protections that debit cards don't, and you can dispute charges if needed.

10 Read privacy agreements
If you don't want to increase the chances of your information being accessed online, keep an eye out for websites that sell your information to third parties. Carefully review all privacy agreements and decide for yourself whether you're willing to click "Agree."

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The Social Media Guide

Expert tip

If you do encounter fraud, contact the Federal Trade Commission and submit a complaint form on the FTC website.

The bottom line

The holiday shopping season means more security threats. If you follow these tips, take the proper precautions and trust your gut, you will greatly decrease your chances of being scammed by hackers.

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News in brief

Retailers adapting to mobile holiday shopping boom

When it comes to holiday shopping, more people are phoning it in, forcing retailers to embrace new ways to connect or else lose sales.

Lowe's Companies, Best Buy and Toys R Us are among retailers making big changes to prepare for a wave of holiday shoppers who will use smartphones to research products, check rivals' prices and make purchases.

"The shopping experience is in the consumer's hands and you can't fight where they're going," says Gihad Jawhar, vice president of Lowes.com. "Retailers can either hop on the bus or get left behind."

Lowe's is issuing more than 42,000 Apple iPhones to employees in more than 1,700 stores. When shoppers are in Lowe's stores scanning bar codes with their phones, checking prices, employees can engage them better using iPhones to track down similar information. Staff can also check if products are in stock or available on Lowes.com or another store nearby, and can often match or beat a price a consumer finds elsewhere via a smartphone.

WIREIMAGE

▶ In order to compete, retailers are now researching prices via smartphones just as much as consumers.

More than 40 percent of retailers this year have a policy of at least competing with lower online prices found through mobile comparisons. Ahead of last year's holiday season, most retailers were still in denial about this trend, according to research firm RSR.

The mobile shopping boom is putting billions of dollars in sales up for grabs in an industry that is being pummeled by lackluster economic growth. U.S. retail e-commerce holiday sales will rise 17 percent to $46.7 billion in 2011, while total retail sales will grow about 3 percent this season, eMarketer forecast last week. But mobile commerce is growing even faster.

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Hard-to-find shopping just became easy

Let TheFind.com do all the legwork this holiday season ◗ Shopping search engine brings 'all of the stores to one place' ◗ Just browsing? There's an app for that

▶ The local tab on TheFind.com will generate search results found in physical stores near you.

Your holiday shopping mission: Find the ski jacket your girlfriend has been coveting in her very popular, usually-sells-out size and in the color she likes — and by the way, it's from last season. Luckily, you have a magic wand in the form of TheFind.com at your disposal.

"We bring all of the products from all of the stores to one place," explains TheFind CEO Siva Kumar. Through technologies that include data from Facebook's Open Graph, TheFind is able to comb through roughly half a million sites covering around 450 million products. (In comparison, "eBay worldwide has about 200 million items and Amazon has about 25 million items," Kumar says.)

But TheFind won't just track down that hard-to-find item — its search results also display prices, so you can find the best deal.

Now you can go ahead and buy those matching ski pants for your girlfriend, too.

Digital browsing

The search capabilities of TheFind are optimal when you know exactly what you're looking for. But shoppers who are "just browsing" can take advantage of the site's technology, too, with Catalogue.

▶ An app for the iPad and Android tablet devices, Catalogue brings together more than 150 popular catalogs (including J.Crew, Saks, Crate & Barrel, Sephora and more) for electronic wish list-making.

▶ The Catalogue app is available on iPad and Android tablet devices.

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▶ Kumar says that with this app: "[TheFind] doesn't assume you know what you want. Say you are looking for new jewelry — there are a lot of jewelry catalogs, and now you can look through them like you would at home — when you need them." All minus the coffee-table clutter.

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With its bar-code scan technology, the Shopping by The Find app (for iPhone and Android) allows users to check prices online as well as while shopping in stores. Want to find a better price, specs or review of that Blu-ray player? Scan the bar code, and the app delivers. "People really use their phone as a shopping companion right inside the store," says Kumar. The app also features maps (in case that cheaper price tag is just a few blocks away) and alerts for coupons and shipping deals.

Butter them up with scotch

DOROTHY ROBINSON AND T. MICHELLE MURPHY

▶ **1: The Macallan Sherry Oak 12 Years Old ($50).** The Macallan Sherry Oak 12 Years Old, now available in six specially designed packages featuring X-ray photography by Nick Veasey, looks more luxe than its price tag suggests. The images — house, feather, scissors, drop, still and cask — depict the six pillars that make up the Macallan brand.

▶ **2: Highland Park 18 Years Old ($105)** First released in 1997, this Highland Park was named "Best Spirit in the World" by F. Paul Pacult in 2005. With a smoky, oaky bouquet and aftertaste, the notes include sweet and nutty toffee and almond. Save this one for your swankiest celebratory soiree – or just a quiet night by a fireplace among your most respected peers.

▶ **3: The Glenrothes Editor's Cask ($375)** There are only 130 bottles of this limited-edition vintage available in the U.S. this winter (if you have a boss who's hard to impress, this will do the trick). Check out that color — when the Editor's Cask was distilled in 1996, it was stored in a Spanish oak hogshead cask, lending it that almost chocolate hue.

▶ **4: The Glenrothes 1995 ($82)** This delicious scotch was the first cask the distillery laid down in 1995 for what would become their vintage series. It has an almost sweet flavor with notes of butterscotch and toffee.

▶ **5: Glen Garioch Vintage 1994 ($109.99)** From one of the oldest operating distilleries in all of Scotland comes their 1994 Vintage, which has matured in North American oak, ex-bourbon casks for 17 years. Only 3,000 bottles of this single malt small batch will reach the U.S. this holiday season, so sip and savor.

Variety

▶ **The Macallan Fine Oak (prices vary)** The Macallan's Fine Oak single-malt range is triple-cask matured in European and American oak with flavor profiles to suit every palate. It's recommended as a pre-dinner drink with lime and soda on the rocks or neat when enjoyed tableside.

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Where to click and save on Nov. 28

▶ **chicBuds**
15 percent off with code METRO15 through Dec. 31.
www.chicbuds.com
Metro pick: chicBuds Fauvette Speaker, $34.99 **(1)**

▶ **AT&T**
Devices will be on sale for as low as 1 cent on Black Friday through Cyber Monday.
www.att.com

▶ **Fred Flare**
99 amazing gift items for less than $9.99.
www.fredflare.com
Metro pick: Candy Cane Shot Glass, $4.50 **(2)**

▶ **JCPenney**
Special deals will be paired with free shipping on orders of $25 or more, Nov. 27-29.
www.jcpenney.com

▶ **REI**
Save up to 30 percent on select winter gear, outerwear, clothing and boots. Free shipping on orders of $50 or more.
www.rei.com
Metro pick: Women's REI Lumen +25 Sleeping Bag , $149 **(3)**

▶ **SerendipiTea**
25 percent off retail orders of $15 or more. Use promo code: CYBER MONDAY SAVINGS.
www.serendipitea.com

▶ **Get Maine Lobster**
50 percent off the entire site.
www.getmainelobster.com

▶ **Adidas**
Sunday and Monday, receive free shipping on all purchases with no minimum. Discounts include $15 off orders of $80 or more, $25 off orders of $100 or more and $40 off orders of $125 or more.
www.shopadidas.com

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www.loft.com

▶ **L.L. Bean**
10 percent off purchase (15 percent off with L.L. Bean Visa); free shipping (to the U.S. and Canada), no minimum purchase; free $10 gift card with $50 purchases through Dec. 24. **www.llbean.com**
Metro pick: Men's Maine Guide Shirt, Plaid, $139 **(4)**

▶ **Icebreaker**
Check out the Icebreaker Touch-Lab SoHo page for updated info on deals: **www.facebook.com/pages/Icebreaker-Touch Lab-SoHo/166457053420337**
Metro pick: Women's Cascade Full Zip RealFleece Mid Layer, $180 **(5)**

▶ **Banana Republic**
Nov. 26-28, save up to 40 percent off select styles.
www.bananarepublic.com

▶ **Endless**
On Nov. 27-28, discounts include $30 off $100 orders, $60 off $200 orders and $100 off $300 orders.
www.endless.com

▶ **StocknGo.com**
25 percent off of purchases $25 or more with code CYBER25.
www.stockngo.com

▶ **Space NK**
Spend $150 online and enter code THANKS150 to receive a complimentary deluxe gift featuring an assortment of 10 beauty must-haves (while supplies last). **www.spacenk.com**

▶ **Luna and Stella**
10 percent off purchases of $100 or more (12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.). Use code METROUS11.
www.lunaandstella.com
Metro pick: Moon & Stars Birthstone Necklace, prices start at $150 plus stones **(6)**

▶ **Jewelista.com**
Free shipping and 20 percent off everything (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.). **www.jewelista.com**
Metro pick: Rose Gold PVD Steel Heart Stud Earrings, $139 **(7)**

▶ **Send the Trend**
$15 jewelry and accessories.
www.sendthetrend.com

▶ **Swarovski Crystallized**
The entire site will be 20 percent off. **www.swarovski-crystallized.com**

Amazon Cyber Monday deals

Here's a sample of what you can expect to find on Amazon.com:

▶ Bodum Bistro Electric Handheld Immersion Stick Blender, Orange: $49.99 (save $50)
▶ Tiny Love Move & Play Gymini: $50 (save $24)
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▶ "Thriller" by Michael Jackson (MP3 Download): $4.99

Stay on top of the savings

Major retailers like Amazon, Wal-Mart, BestBuy, Target and Kohls are expected to continuously update their Cyber Monday deals throughout the day, so keep checking back. For one-stop sites providing up-to-the-minute info on Cyber Monday sales across the Web, check out these helpful links.

▶ **www.cybermonday.com**
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Movie magic

Deck the halls with DVDs

On of the best perks of shopping Cyber Monday is retailers' reactions to consumer demand — and competitors' price cuts. DVD titles are always prime candidates for price-slashing. And while we can't guarantee the titles on our list of gift picks will end up in your favorite website's 99-cent Cyber Monday bin, it is a good bet that you won't find them on sale cheaper than you will Nov. 28.

▶ **'Bridesmaids' [DVD with bonus features]:** A hilarious, honest celebration of the friendships of women — unrated. **List price:** $29.98
▶ **'ESPN Films: 30 for 30 Limited Edition Collector Set' [DVD]:** Some of the greatest and most controversial moments in sports history are revisited through the lens of filmmakers including Albert Maysles, Barry Levinson, John Singleton and Peter Berg. The 12-disc set features all 30 films from the series. **List price:** $149.95
▶ **'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2' [Three-disc Blu-ray/DVD combo]:** The saga of the magical boy wizard who inspired the imagination of kids of all ages comes to an end. **List price:** $35.99
▶ **'Ken Burns' Prohibition' [Blu-ray]:** Here's a toast to documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, who uses well-documented history and lesser-known stories to shed light on an important moment in America's past — the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. **List price:** $44.99
▶ **'Looney Tunes Platinum Collection: Volume One' [Blu-ray]:** Bugs and the gang get a high-definition upgrade in this set that includes 50 beloved "Looney Tunes" titles. **List price:** $59.96
▶ **'Modern Family: The Complete Second Season' [DVD]:** Here's one extended family you won't mind seeing during the holidays. **List price:** $49.98
▶ **'The Original Christmas Classics' [Blu-ray]:** Santa Claus, Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman — the classic Rankin-Bass Christmas TV specials are bundled together and now available on Blu-ray. **List price:** $44.95

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Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Bette Midler is trying to keep up, Russell Crowe is working things out, Goldie Hawn wants to make sure you're doing it right and Albert Brooks is feeling inspired.

▶ @BetteMidler
Is it my imagination, or is everyone talking much faster than they used to on CNN?

▶ @russellcrowe
3 hour walk and talk with a great friend. Most of the world's problems solved. I hope you all have a spectacular day.

▶ @goldiehawn
Don't forget to smile when you breathe. Makes all the difference

▶ @AlbertBrooks
Working on "It's a Wonderful Tweet" A man is shown how the world would be different if he were never on Twitter.

Hawn

THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Miley Cyrus: Party in the USA, indeed

It looks like **Miley Cyrus** has yet another alter ego: Let's call this one Hannah Bong-tana, shall we?

When she was presented with a **Bob Marley**-shaped cake at her 19th birthday party at the Roosevelt Hotel in L.A. last week, Cyrus quipped, "You know you're a stoner when friends make you a Bob Marley cake — you know you smoke way too much f—in' weed." (The Daily has the video evidence.)

"I thought salvia was your problem, man," retorted guest **Kelly Osbourne**.

The Daily also reports that guests on hand for the party included Cyrus' parents, **Rumer Willis**, and "furries and a number of dwarfs, including a mini **Nicki Minaj**."

I'd make a joke but one, Osbourne already did it for me, and, two, a mini Nicki Minaj? I have much too much respect for how Cyrus throws a party to poke fun.

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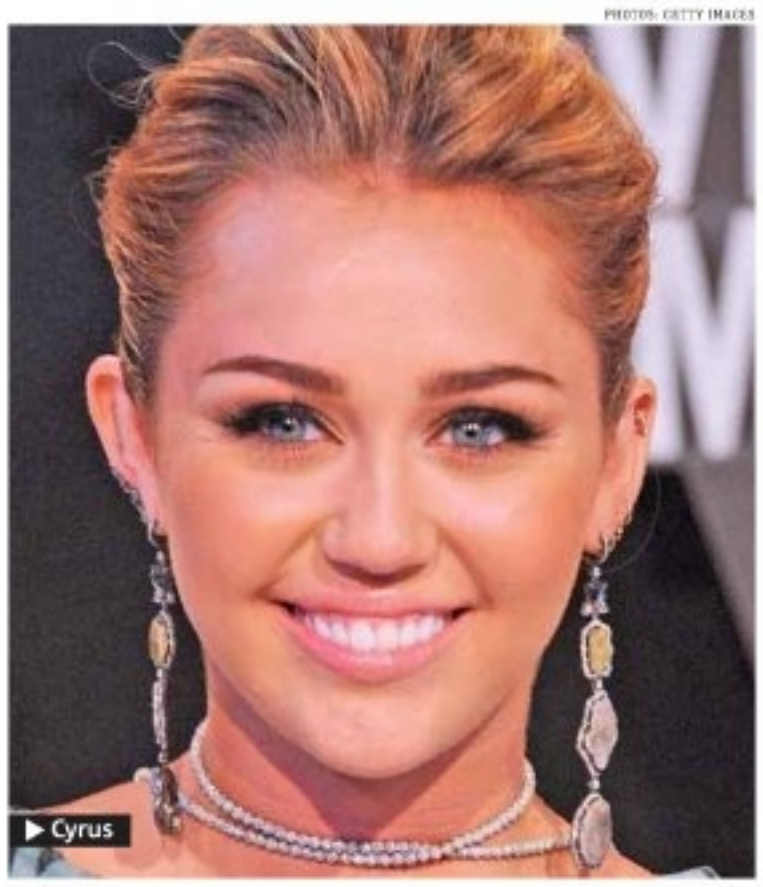
▶ Cyrus

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Is Gerard Butler morphing into Bradley Cooper?

▶ Butler

Check out this picture of **Gerard Butler** taken last month during Confidential Magazine's Men's Issue Cover Party in West Hollywood, Calif. Doesn't it look like a snapshot of **Bradley Cooper** taken after a rough night? Something is going on there. Is it his hair? The weird beard color? A brow lift? I can't quite put my finger on it, but it looks like someone in Hollywood is a little jealous of someone else being named People's Sexiest Man Alive.

A traditional turkey day for Lopez

Jennifer Lopez opted to spend the Thanksgiving holiday escaping to Hawaii with **Casper Smart**, the 24-year-old dancer she's reportedly been dating, according to TMZ. Smart also got the chance to meet several of Lopez's family members during the trip — and spend quality time with her 3-year-old twins, **Max** and **Emme**. "Casper was great with the kids. He was twirling them around and doing flips with Emme and she seemed very comfortable with him," a source says. "Jennifer got a chance to sit back and relax while Casper took over and played."

Talking points

Allen is a mama!

Lily Allen and **Sam Cooper** welcomed their first child, a daughter, during the weekend, according to the Daily Mail. While not quite an official birth announcement, Allen did reference the arrival on Twitter, posting simply, "Totes amaze." It's a particularly special occasion for Allen and Cooper, as Allen has suffered miscarriages twice in the past three years. There was no announcement yet about the baby girl's name.

▶ Gosling

Gosling takes Mendes to graveyard

Ryan Gosling knows how to turn on the romance. The actor reportedly surprised girlfriend **Eva Mendes** this weekend in Paris, where she'd just finished filming a movie, according to Us Weekly. "Ryan flew out to be with Eva as soon as she wrapped 'Holly Motors,'" a source says. "They were talking all the time so she had no hints that he was coming. She was really homesick and missed him, even though she practically just left to shoot." The pair were spotted around Paris all weekend, walking arm-in-arm and sharing kisses as they strolled through Pere Lachaise cemetery.

A near-miss for Aniston

Brad Pitt and **Jennifer Aniston** narrowly avoided running into each other at a movie theater in Los Angeles over the weekend, according to X17 Online. Pitt was there with four of his six children to take in **Martin Scorsese**'s "Hugo," while Aniston arrived for a later show with new beau Justin Theroux. "Justin and Jennifer skipped the popcorn and went straight in. Like five minutes later, Brad and the kids came out of the theater," a source says. "They just missed each other." It's only the third time the former spouses have been at the same place at the same time, following the 2009 Academy Awards and the 2010 Hope for Haiti telethon — and they managed to avoid any face time on those occasions as well.

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These concerts were no turkeys

▶ **1:** Robert Smith and his bandmates of the Cure performed the group's first three studio albums at the Beacon Theatre in New York City on Saturday.
▶ **2:** Axl Rose of Guns N' Roses performed at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, N.J. on Saturday.
▶ **3:** Mark Foster of Foster the People took his act to London at Shepherds Bush Empire on Friday.
▶ **4:** Singer George Clinton got funky in Berlin, Germany on Thursday.
▶ **5:** Jill Scott donned a pair of shades for her concert at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa in Atlantic City, N.J. on Friday.
▶ **6:** Ed MacFarlane of Friendly Fires showed off his moves at the Brixton Academy in London on Thursday .
▶ **7:** Mary J. Blige performed at Terminal 5 in New York City on Wednesday.

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Borat meets Scorsese

As the actor emerges from a two-year hiatus, he talks his latest project with the legendary director

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▶ Sacha Baron Cohen is the station inspector intent on locking up orphans in "Hugo."

Since the release of his 2009 film, "Bruno," comic actor and writer Sacha Baron Cohen has largely stayed out of the spotlight. But two years of hermitage draw to a close as Baron Cohen promotes "Hugo," the new Martin Scorsese 3-D film about young tinkerer Hugo Cabret who meets legendary filmmaker Georges Méliès in 1930s France. Baron Cohen plays the station inspector who is onto the orphaned boy, who makes his home in the clock towers of the rail station. Baron Cohen recently spoke on working with legendary filmmaker Martin Scorsese for the film and his own creative contributions to the process.

We're used to seeing your irreverent and subversive side, so what was this different direction like for you to play an authority figure and a sexually inhibited person?
Who said I was inhibited in this? I have a bath with a dog [in the film]. What happened beneath the bubbles is our business. There is a bit of romance between myself and Emily [Mortimer's] character, which is actually the first romantic plot I've had that's not been with a black prostitute or a man. So, that was a little bit different. As for playing an authority figure, he's a bumbling authority figure and he's dark but he does have some beauty and softness underneath him. A bit like my other characters, he's a mix of things. Does that answer it? We can talk more about the bath if you want.

Did you consider your character's backstory?
Yes. Certainly, when I approached the character of the station inspector, I wanted to know, "why was he so obsessed with chasing children and was he actually a classic villain or was there reason for his malice?" We started to think perhaps he was a World War I veteran and maybe he was injured, so that's where we got the idea of the leg brace. Originally, it was a false leg. It was going to be the first chase and then I was going to turn a corner and then my leg was going to fly off into camera in 3-D ... [But] we kind of realized that maybe he himself was an orphan and was put away to the work house and that's the only structure he knew. That's what he's trying to impose on these young children.

Where did you find the magic in this film?
It felt like it was the logical extension of filmmaking, that if Méliès was alive, that he definitely would've been using 3-D. That was the interesting thing because of the whole debate in cinema at the moment, whether 3-D is a gimmick or not. Scorsese really showed that it was a logical development of the filmmaking process.

Q&A

How was working with Martin Scorsese?

▶ He's totally collaborative, which I was surprised about because I expected him to be some incredible auteur — which he is — but part of his power and part of the reason why his films are that successful and that enduring is the fact that he's ready to collaborate fully with all of his actors. Any idea that I came up with, he was ready to listen to. Surprisingly, because I came up with some really absurd ideas, he was ready to try them out, which was worrying for the producer and the financiers of the movie but for me, it was great.

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Box office

'Twilight' sparkles for second week in a row

The "Twilight" vampire movie hovered at the top of box office charts for a second straight week, beating a revival of "The Muppets" and other family fare during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 1" earned an estimated $42 million at U.S. and Canadian theaters from Friday through Sunday, according to studio estimates.

"The Muppets," a movie that returns Kermit, Miss Piggy and their friends to the big screen for the first time in 12 years, finished in second place with $29.5 million in three days. Third place for the weekend belonged to 3-D animated film "Happy Feet Two," which brought in $13.4 million.

Walt Disney Co. released "The Muppets." Summit Entertainment distributed "Breaking Dawn: Part 1." "Happy Feet Two" was distributed by Time Warner Inc. unit Warner Bros. REUTERS

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▶ Bella and Edward charmed the pants off American audiences this weekend.

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This story stinks!

Statler and Waldorf, the Muppet critics, review their movie 'I closed my eyes. That's why I liked it so much'

The return of the Muppets wouldn't be complete without their constant critics, those perpetual balcony fixtures Statler and Waldorf, who've been hurling insults at Kermit the Frog and his gang since the beginning. The venerable old codgers weren't doing a lot of press for "The Muppets," but they did agree to speak with Metro. That doesn't mean we could get a straight answer out of them, though.

Have you seen the new movie "The Muppets" yet? And if so, what do you think of it?
Statler: I loved the movie. Amy Adams is beautiful and funny. Jason Segel is hilarious. Chris Cooper makes a great bad guy. And the star cameos are amazing!
Waldorf: Yeah, but what about the Muppets?
Statler: I closed my eyes during those parts.

Waldorf, left, and Statler strike a pose.

Their pitch

- **Waldorf:** See "The Muppets." Cause there's nothing like great entertainment.
- **Statler:** Yeah, and the Muppets are nothing like great entertainment.

Waldorf: But the Muppets are in most of the movie. You kept your eyes closed for most of the movie?
Statler: Sure. That's why I liked it so much.
What are you looking forward to in 2012?
Statler: The end of the Mayan Calendar.
Waldorf: Yeah, we were there when they first made it; we want to see how it ends.
Statler: We're also looking forward to changing our socks.
Waldorf: Gee, you're right. It's an even number year. Time sure flies.
Statler: Oh, and we're looking forward to waking up each day and not seeing our names in the obits.
Waldorf: Yeah, when you're as old as us, "Today is the first day of what's left of your life."
Do you have any tips for our readers on how to celebrate the holidays this year?
Statler: Spend the holidays with "The Muppets."
Waldorf: Yeah! And keep 'em away from us!
S&W: Ho! Ho! Ho!

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'The Sing-Off'

REALITY. Christmas comes early for one singing group tonight when the finalists — Dartmouth Aires, Pentatonix, Urban Method — learn who walks away with that recording deal and $200,000 cash prize.
Season finale, 8 p.m., NBC

'Pawn Stars'

REALITY. The Vegas pawn brokers are back, helping money-hungry customers receive appraisals on cool treasures — like a pair of Civil War diaries on tonight's premiere — and then buying said treasures for way less than they're worth. (That Rick Harrison drives a hard bargain.)
Season premiere, 10 p.m., History Channel

HISTORY CHANNEL

▶ From left: Big Hoss, Rick and the Old Man want your stuff on "Pawn Stars."

'Scouted'

REALITY. Pretty people aspire to be America's next top model, sans Tyra Banks showing them the way. But without smizing, why do we care? **Series premiere, 10 p.m., E!**

'Rizzoli & Isles'

DRAMA. When a community activist is gunned down, guest star Bill O'Reilly — in town for a book signing — weighs in on the case in tonight's midseason premiere.
Midseason premiere, 10 p.m., TNT

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TAYLORED ABS

- Women sighed, men gasped
- Taylor Lautner's personal trainer Jordan Yuam tells us how to get the 'Breaking Dawn' star's rock-hard abs

His workout

In order to get Lautner ready for his role as ripped werewolf Jacob, Jordan Yuam, his trainer throughout the entire "Twilight" series, used moves like hanging leg raises and reverse crunches to define his muscles and build up strength. Yuam also integrated yoga poses and a Power Plate machine (www.powerplate.com) to enhance results.

"Taylor's always up for a challenge, he's so focused and disciplined," says Yuam.

When he wasn't filming, Lautner's body fat varied between 10 to 12 percent, but for "Twilight," Yuam would bring it down to 7 percent.

The (super) power

Yuam says he got Lautner using the Power Plate machine for a high-speed workout on a vibrating platform, which causes muscles to contract as a reflex, creating internal heat that increases circulation, oxygenates blood flow and flushes out toxins.

"It's instrumental to my work," says Yuam. "I use it to create muscle and for postworkout recovery. Working out is about recovery and the plate loosens up your stabilizers so you don't get sore. The idea isn't to do thousands of reps — 25 is enough (12 minutes on the plate). I don't believe in workouts that last more than 50 minutes."

ROMINA MCGUINNESS

Wolfing food down

"Taylor isn't naturally big," says Yuam, "so the key to maintaining his frame was to make sure he ate right pre- and postworkout. 'Breaking Dawn' was a challenge, as we had to overlap with his 'Abduction' body for which he was doing a lot of boxing. He was burning a lot of calories and finding it hard to eat enough."

Yuam's diet for the star consisted of healthy fats, carbohydrates and protein.

"He ate simple carbohydrates, such as bananas, to maintain glycogen levels and provide slow energy release throughout the workout, as well as whey protein blended with oatmeal to build muscle. He also ate a lot of red meat."

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▶ In a survey by OfficeTeam, 38 percent of executives said that making an appearance at the company holiday party is expected.

Open bars and all of your co-workers: Holiday parties can be naughty or nice What to do and what not to do

It's never a good time to lament to co-workers about your ex, or go into detail about your wild Friday night, but for some reason — also known as vodka — holiday parties tend to bring out unprofessional behavior. Remember your party etiquette, and you won't have to do damage control come Monday morning.

Party dos:

Mingle with everyone: "Strike up conversations with those outside of your usual circle — especially the 'power brokers' within your company," suggests Christine Endres, the Philadelphia branch manager at hiring firm OfficeTeam. And feel free to venture outside of cubicle chitchat. "Have a few nonwork topics to bring up, such as recent movies you've seen or holiday vacation plans," says Endres.

Dress appropriately: Dressing up is fine, but be sure to keep it classy. "It is a party, but you are still at work," says Jill Spiegel, author of "How to Talk to Anyone About Anything! The Secrets of Connecting." "You want to keep your sense of professionalism."

Party don'ts:

Have that one last drink: This, of course, is the biggest faux pas. A study by Wakefield Research for HomeGoods found that 29 percent of respondents ranked a guest who drinks too much as the deadliest party sin. Overdoing it with friends is one thing, but overdoing it with the boss could be disastrous.

Participate in gossip: Bite your tongue if you must, but don't use this time to badmouth a colleague. And if someone else tries to pull you into the negativity? "Just change the energy and direction of the conversation through compliments and support," says Spiegel.

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Education

The early bird gets the A

Wake up — it might improve your GPA! A recent study shows that students who drag themselves out of bed to get to an early class actually have better grades.

Two psychology professors at St. Lawrence University in New York surveyed about 253 students. Their research found that students with 8 a.m. classes tend to have more regular sleep patterns and stricter daily routines — which could account for their better grades.

The findings reverse the assumption that later classes allow for students to be better-rested and more alert. Instead, it appears students who don't have to get to class until the afternoon tend to stay up later, consume more alcohol and have lower grades.

CASSANDRA GARRISON/METRO

The right questions are just as important as the right answers

At the end of every job interview, you'll encounter the inevitable question, "Do you have any questions for me?"

While it's an oh-so-predictable event, many job candidates aren't prepared to shine when they reach this final test in the interview. Failing to ask any questions or asking the wrong questions can send the wrong signals.

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▶ Come prepared: Have a list of questions to show your interviewer that you're interested in the company's needs.

"Too many job seekers respond to this standard interview question with the standard 'safe' responses," says Stephanie Daniel, senior vice president of career management company Keystone Associates. "'Will I be hearing from you or should I contact you?' or 'Why is this position open?' In this very competitive job market, job candidates cannot afford to ask safe questions."

Instead, Daniel suggests considering a few of the following questions:

"Is there a work issue that keeps you up at night and, given what you know about my background, how do you think I could help?"

"Here's your opportunity to demonstrate a genuine interest in the day-to-day challenges your future manager is facing," Daniel explains. "By asking this question, the interviewer will start to envision you as an employee and will give you some initial thoughts on how you might help solve their most pressing problems."

"What is the most gratifying aspect of the work you do for XYZ company?"

"Asking the interviewer about the most gratifying aspect of the work she or he does helps you better understand what drives them," says Daniel. "Drivers include things like making the best product on the market, helping others, making money, curing an illness or creating a hot, new technology. Ask yourself how the interviewer's drivers align with your own."

ERICA SWALLOW FOR Mashable
The Social Media Guide

Always ask this:

"Could you describe your ideal candidate for this job? Why are these qualities important to you?"

"The ideal qualifications were probably outlined in the job posting," says Daniel. "But many of these postings are not actually written by the hiring manager. Here's your chance to directly ask the interviewer what he views as the most important qualities of the successful candidate and why."

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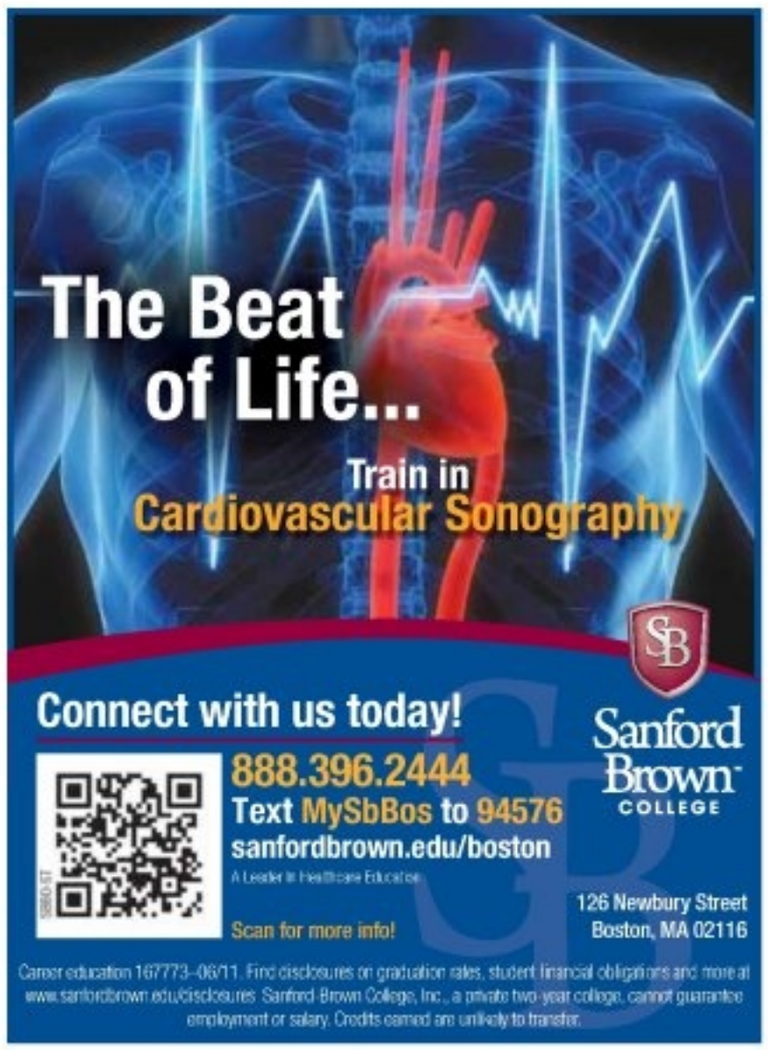
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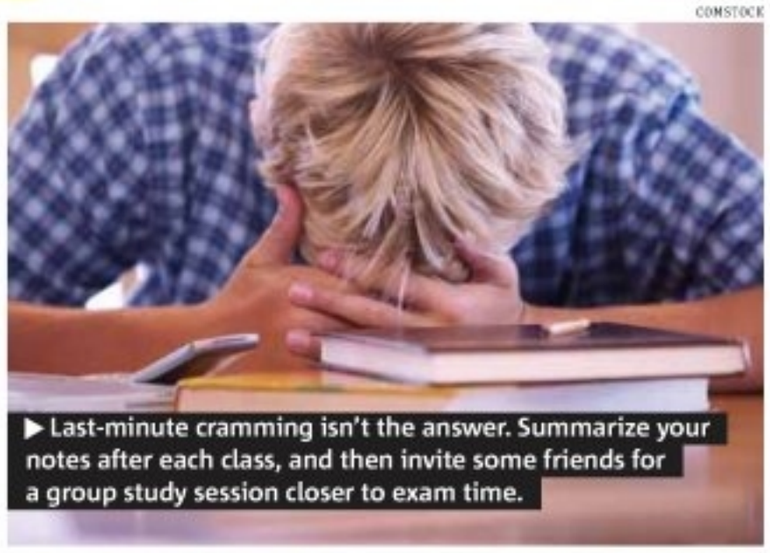

▶ Last-minute cramming isn't the answer. Summarize your notes after each class, and then invite some friends for a group study session closer to exam time.

For 2011 freshmen, the first time through college level exams can produce anxiety and frustration. Here to help is test-taking expert Ann Dolin. She is the founder of Educational Connections Inc., a tutoring and test-prep provider in Fairfax County, Va.

What's the most common misconception about studying for finals?
Students often think that just reading equals studying. But studying must be interactive. There must be some form of writing involved to truly cement the information to memory.

Are there different concerns for students with ADHD?
One of the problems is that students will often block off two or three hours to study. That's often not productive. No one can sustain attention for three hours, especially a student with ADHD. When studying is broken down into 30-minute chunks, students are far more productive.

What is the easiest thing students can do to improve their scores on finals?
Study after study has shown that when students summarize their notes after class, they're far more likely to remember the material.

What is the benefit of forming study groups?
Among many positives, it gives students a sense of accountability. You tell yourself, "OK, I'm going to put aside this time to study." And if you don't do it, you get mad at yourself. It rides on your shoulders. But if you have a group, you're more accountable. And you're forced to process the information in another way. If you discuss the material with a group, you're far more likely to remember it.

Is there a strategy for dealing with anxiety during a test?
Yes. Have a notepad handy during the test to write down all of your anxieties. Studies show that this is the most effective way to alleviate anxiety at test time. You simply have to purge the thoughts and emotions.

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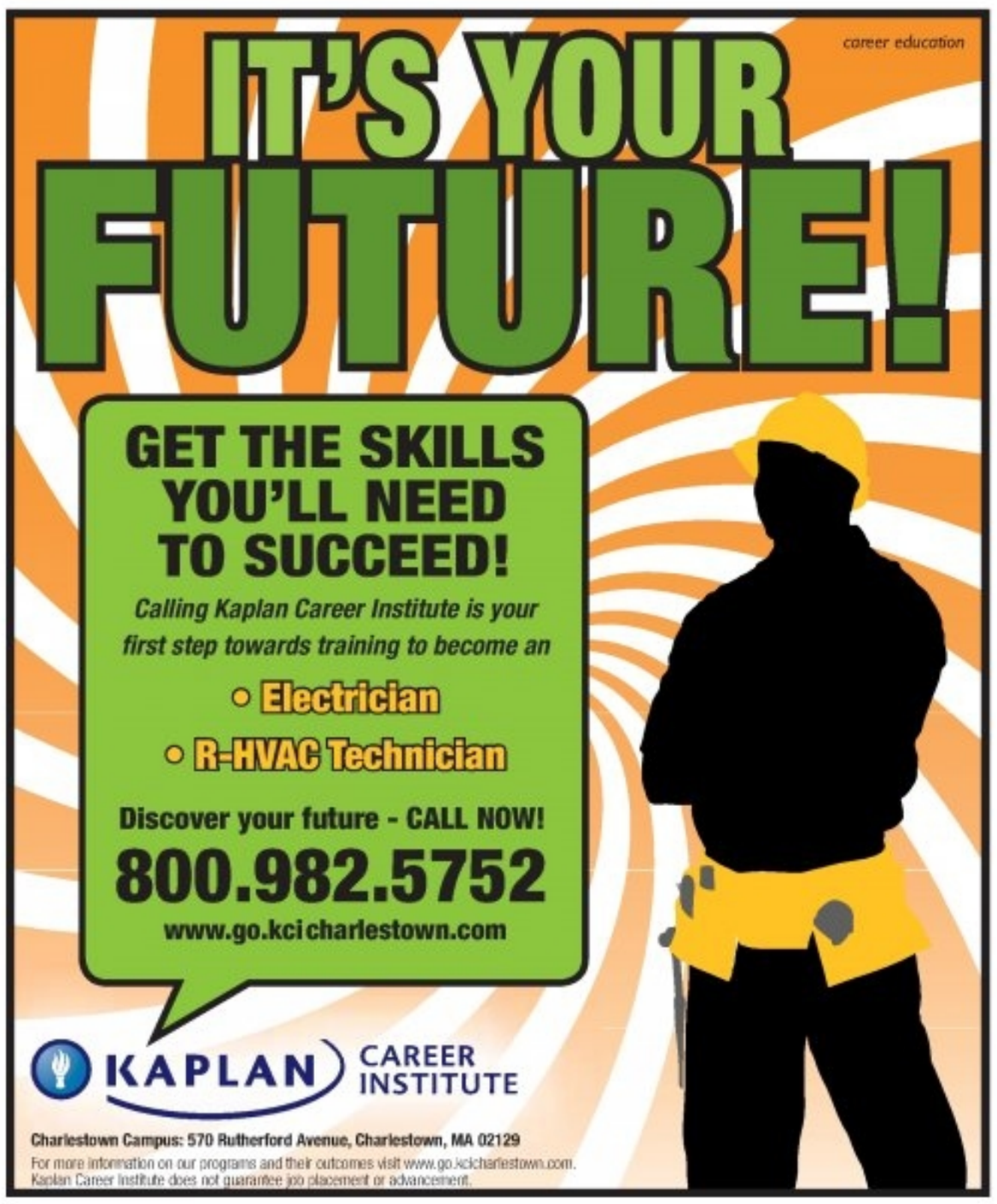
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Earn respect, Rep. Bachmann

RE: "THE ROOTS LET THEIR FEELINGS BE KNOWN": Why should we muster such a level of respect for a candidate who has proven to be one of the most disrespectful toward the office of the president of the United States? If Bachmann conducted herself as conservatively as she claims to be, perhaps she would be shown more respect. To expect a pass because you are a woman and mother may not seem fair to the man and father in the White House. Equality is a two way street — or it isn't. **JOHN DEMERJIAN, VIA E-MAIL**

Thankful or not? Occupy

RE: "THANK YOU, OCCUPY WALL STREET": Thank you to the protesters? When will they be showing up in front of the White House, demanding an end to tax loopholes, lobbying and the "get out jail free card" for every Congress member who is involved in insider trading? How about a thank you to the soldiers who put their lives on hold to protect the U.S.? **MIRIAM DAVIDOVICH, VIA E-MAIL**

Thanks but no thanks: I am beyond tired of people like Brayden Simms who live in a fantasy world and continue to blame Bush for all the problems of the world today! Are you kidding me? Of course you're just like the majority of Americans of today who feel you're entitled to everything even though you don't deserve it! **RUSTY BRINDAMORE, WOBURN**

Thank you for the past few The Week That Was columns that have been particularly insightful and positive, trying to inspire camaraderie among the general public. As the Occupy movement highlights, maybe the individualist agenda of the United States is not working out. We are all human, we are all Americans, and we deserve a society where we feel supported and inspired by our fellow man, not isolated and attacked. **HEATHER FROST, VIA E-MAIL**

I thank you for this article. I appreciate the combination of intelligence, compassion, and — where appropriate — irony. **ROBERT B. PIERCE, MALDEN**

I've never written to Metro but I liked this editorial. I picked up both the Metro and the rival free daily on my commute and was angered by the other plaintively trying to paint a positive picture of police in the wake of recent clashes with protestors. Metro's piece was honest, candid and was the best thing I read in the contents of both of these papers. Thanks! **MERRILL GRANT, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Before launching any new projects, make sure you have finished to your satisfaction everything else on your drawing board. Trouble would ensue if endeavors overlap.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Your chances for achieving a critical objective are minimal at best, because once you attain it, you might not know how to keep it going.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Strive to control any impulsive inclinations you might have. If you're undisciplined, it is highly likely that you will repeat some previous mistakes.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If there is a lack of harmony regarding ultimate aims, joint ventures aren't likely to work out too well for you. Before making any moves, make sure everyone is in accord.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Conditions are ripe for establishing a friendship with someone who up until now has always opposed you. Don't miss this opportunity, because you may never get another chance to do so.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Use your resources wisely, be they people or things, and you'll be effective in your efforts to be successful. If you don't, you can count on frequent failures.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Things could get a bit awkward for you when a friend unwittingly brings along someone whom you intensely dislike. It's to your advantage not to do or say anything you'll regret.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Be sure you have the approval of the entire clan if you're contemplating making a change that would affect everybody. If you don't, your efforts could meet with condemnation.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't pretend to know what you're doing if you are placed in a position where it's up to you to approve or disapprove certain procedures. Don't be afraid to seek experienced counsel.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Although your financial possibilities look good, your spending habits might negate anything extra you make. What you gain could totally dissipate before your eyes.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** When you're free to operate as you choose, success is likely. Be wary of getting yourself in involvements that impede your independence.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** There's a chance that you could be inclined to talk about things that should be kept confidential. If misquoted and taken out of context, it could cause trouble. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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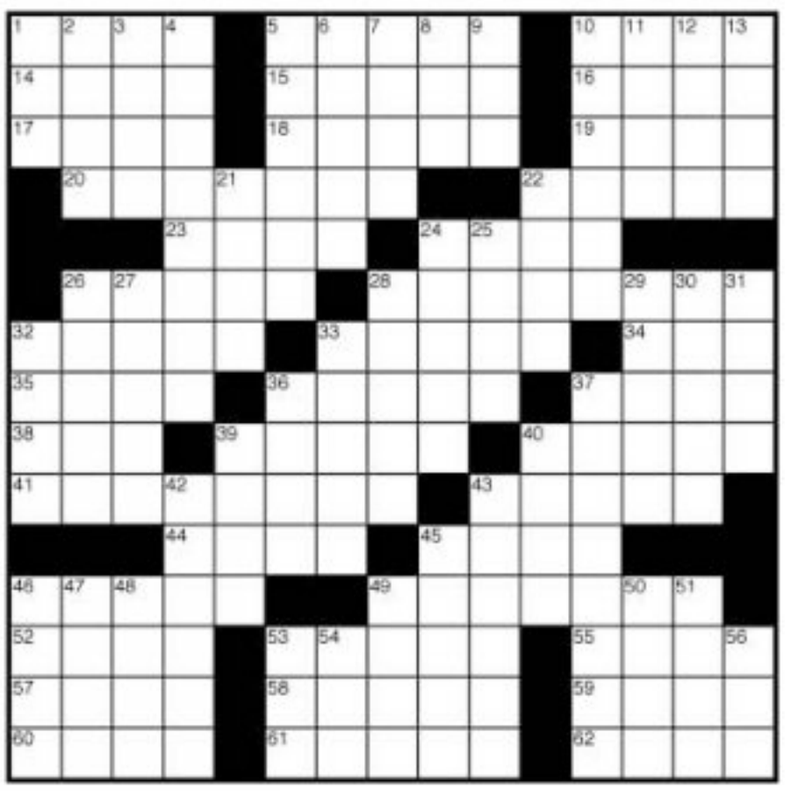

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Solution to weekend's crossword

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In the news

NBA to resume with Celtics

The NBA lockout ended (at least tentatively) overnight Friday into Saturday and now the Celtics take center stage.

NBA Commissioner David Stern announced games will start on Christmas Day, which means the Knicks vs. Celtics will be the opener of the NBA season.

There is only one dream team

Patriots play dream killer as they crush Eagles, likely end playoff hopes ◐ Brady, Branch deadly combination ◐ Defense shuts down McCoy

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▶ Deion Branch leaves 'Dream Team' centerpiece Nnamdi Asomugha in the dust on a 63-yard reception.

The Patriots sent the rest of the league a message yesterday. And in doing so, they likely ended the season of the team everyone expected to rule the NFL.

The Patriots got down 10-0 early behind a LeSean McCoy touchdown, but played flawless football the rest of the way in their 38-20 victory.

"Getting down 10 points early we showed a lot of mental toughness," said Brady, who was 24-of-34 for 361 yards and three scores. "We knew there was still a ton of football to play."

"Once we scored and scored again, our defense did a good job stopping them to stem the tide. On offense we were more balanced today, which is how it needs to be."

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What went right ...

1 Super Bowl replay — Just as in Super Bowl XXXIX in Jacksonville, Tom Brady and Deion Branch had a field day versus the Eagles defense. Branch had six grabs for 125 yards, including a 63-yard catch and run that helped put New England ahead to stay.

2 Defense stops resting — The Patriots' defense was horrible early, allowing Vince Young to drive 84 yards for a score in the first 2:17, then tacking on a field goal to make it 10-0. From then on New England almost pitched a shutout discounting a late touchdown.

3 Law firm cashes in — While Tom Brady and his receiving corps did most of the preliminary work, it was left to running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis, aka "the law firm," to twice get the payoff. Green-Ellis scored on runs of four yards and one yard, finishing the day with 44 yards on 14 carries. ● JON MARKS

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'Cuse axes Fine in wake of inquiry

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▶ Head coach Jim Boeheim had defended Fine (above).

- Longtime Boeheim assistant is fired as scandal deepens at Syracuse
- Fine's wife admits to knowledge of crimes, affair in an old phone call

The Syracuse scandal got a lot uglier yesterday and it didn't take long for the school to react.

Bernie Fine, who has been accused of molesting at least two former Syracuse ball boys, was fired by the school.

"At the direction of Chancellor [Nancy] Cantor, Bernie Fine's employment with Syracuse University has been terminated, effective immediately," Senior Vice President for Public Affairs Kevin Quinn said in a statement.

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Bernie Fine was in his 36th season as an assistant coach with Syracuse. Fine met head coach Jim Boeheim in 1963.

It came out yesterday that Fine's wife, Laurie, was recorded on telephone in 2002 admitting to knowing of her husband's contact with former ball boy Bobby Davis, according to transcripts released by ESPN's "Outside the Lines." Davis claims Fine molested him over a pattern of years while he worked for the Orange.

Not only does Laurie admit to knowing of her husband's "issues," but also reveals she had an affair with Davis when he was 18.

"I know everything that went on, you know," Laurie Fine says on the call.

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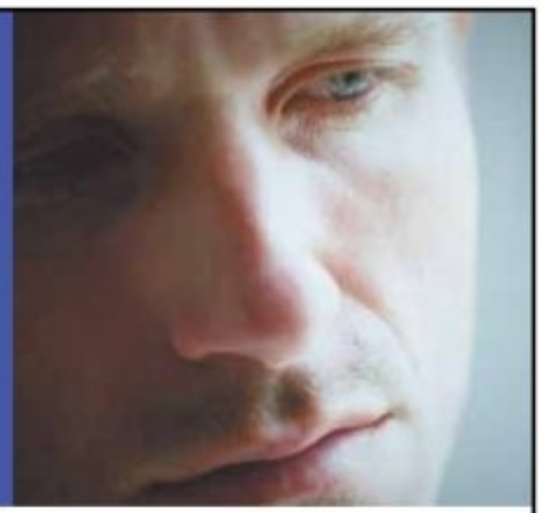

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